

WASHINGTON—Congressman Jo Bonner (R-AL) today praised the International Trade Commission's (ITC) decision to prevent the dumping of shrimp from India and Thailand into American markets. The ITC reviewed its stance on imports of shrimp from India and Thailand in light of the 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia.

In September, Bonner wrote the ITC requesting that trade relief for American shrimp not be lifted because Thailand and India remain capable of substantial shrimp exports despite the tsunami.

"I commend the ITC for recognizing that unfair trade is the biggest obstacle facing American shrimpers," Bonner said today. "The 2004 tsunami was a catastrophic event; however, it did not affect the ability of Thailand and India to export substantial quantities of shrimp."

"The U.S. shrimp industry was significantly injured by dumped imports from these and other countries over the last several years," Bonner said. "Lifting the trade relief implemented earlier this year would have only caused additional injury."

The livelihood of the domestic shrimp industry depends on the vigorous enforcement of our trade laws."

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